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WASHINGTON.

Condition of the Public Debt on the 1st of February.

The Anti-Contraction Bill Becomes a Law Without the President's Signature.

Sharp Correspondence Between General Sherman and the Chairman of the Ordnance Committee.

Another Flight of Rumors in Relation to the Alabama Claims.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1.

THE KENTUCKY ELECTION CASE.

The Hiram spoil [illegible] Brown of the Kentucky Senate, [illegible] John Y. Brown, of [illegible]. It is expected that Brown will be back [illegible] rejected, the proof that he gave and sold [illegible] to the county board clear and unanimous. [illegible] question will probably be submitted to the [illegible] will then be taken up. It is expected to occupy [illegible] days' time. The contested election case reported against him, but some protestants [illegible] to Washington, and he believes they will [illegible] to overturned in the House after discussion.

There has been some sharp correspondence between Governor Orr and the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, [illegible] Governor Orr's refusal to [illegible] Judge Underwood. Governor Orr [illegible] that the members in which the Committee has treated General Dyer, of the Washington Arsenal, [illegible] him being that they have acted in a partisan manner, and have taken everything it could find against him, still have refused him the full opportunity of being heard in his own defense. The Chairman of the committee writes and denies the charge of unfairness to [illegible] General Dyer.

RADICAL RULE.

There is a good deal of feeling among the members of the House against certain provisions of several Banks' bill on consolidation. The measure must be somewhat amended before it can be carried through that body. Mr. Spalding is decidedly opposed to it as it now stands, and it is certain that his committee would not report [illegible] favorable.

OHIO AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

It is important that at least two members of the Senate Judiciary Committee are from the House committee are strong in the opinion that [illegible] a State has once ratified a constitutional amendment it cannot withdraw its assent. This question will be discussed during the action of the Ohio Legislature.

THE CONTRACTION BILL.

has become a law by the expiration of the ten days within which the President has to veto the measure, and the secretary of State will probably make a certificate to this effect on Monday.

THE FINANCES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The Senate Finance Committee is holding a special session, to consider the Secretary's report. The Committee on the Internal Revenue Bill is supposed to consider the Secretary's report, but it is not likely that any action will be taken.

THE TOBACCO TAX.

A committee of tobacco manufacturers were in conference with the Ways and Means Committee to-day, urging the necessity of a further reduction of the tax, and express assurances that it would increase the revenue.

POLITICAL.

Several leading Democratic politicians from New England and the Northwest have been in the city during the week, and have had interviews with members of Congress, arranging the programme for the Democratic campaign. They find a great difficulty in concentrating upon an available candidate for President; New England regards [illegible] as the strongest man.

CONVENTION OF INTERNAL REVENUE OFFICERS.

The Secretary stated to-day in several gentlemen in relation to the proposed convention of Internal Revenue officers, that it would [illegible] in the Secretary's new Circular, which [illegible] to-day, that no such convention would be allowed.

THE PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—The Tribune's Washington special says: The public debt statement for February 1st, which will be issued next Monday, will show a reduction of the debt during January in coin and small change from currency, and the amount [illegible] interest on the five-twenties and bonds of 1881, [illegible] 1st of February. There will be [illegible] on the 1st of February there will be about [illegible] prospect that the debt will be reduced [illegible] per month, and by a resolution of Congress [illegible] the Secretary of the Treasury is [illegible] stopped.

GENERAL SHERMAN.

General Sherman leaves for the West on Monday, going from there to Mexico, where he will remain a few days, thence to St. Louis.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Secretary Seward's [illegible] to-day [illegible] Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs states that such action will be taken by the Government as will [illegible] the [illegible] negotiation of any other [illegible] claims for damages [illegible] Alabama claims [illegible] Secretary Seward [illegible] Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs [illegible] Alabama claims [illegible] [illegible] Alabama claims [illegible] [illegible] Alabama claims [illegible]

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or Legislature of Ohio and the Constitutional Amendment.

The Legislature of the State of Ohio, elected in October, 1865, by a majority of 7,000 of the popular vote, and upon direct national issues, ratified the amendment to the national constitution, which it had proposed to the Legislature of several States by Congress. In 1866, the people of Ohio, by 50,000 majority, ignored and approved the policy concerned in the amendment. In 1867, there being no national question before the people, any Federal officers to be elected, Democratic Legislatures were chosen by the people, having elected the entire Republican State ticket. This legislature, thus elected, has passed a solution rescinding the previous ratification of the constitutional amendment. The question arises whether the Legislature of a State may retract or rescind ratification of an amendment to the institution of the United States.

The constitution provides, Article V., "The Congress, whenever two-thirds of both houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to this constitution, or, on the application of the Legislatures of two-thirds of the several States, shall call a convention for proposing amendments, which, in either case, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of this constitution, when ratified by Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States, or by conventions in three-fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by Congress."

The mode prescribed by the constitution is clear and distinct; that the amendment proposed by Congress, or by a convention for proposing amendments, called on the petition of two-thirds of the several States, shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of this institution, when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the States, or by conventions in three-fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by Congress.

THE WORLD OF AMUSEMENT.

THOMAS FINAL.

BY ANTHONY TROLLOPE.

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A THRILLING SCENE.

MARINE CORPS.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

PRINTING, ETC.

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THE CITY.

UNDISCOVERED FLUIDES.—The last remaining half of the immense number of forbidden pleages to be sold To-morrow (Monday) February 3, at Isaac's Loan Office, corner Clark and Lake streets, regardless of advances or cost, the pawnbroker having resolved to close his business without delay.

GRAND SALE OF HYDE PARK LAND SHARES.—Business & Co. (upon their real estate agency of 1868 by sale of 400 acres of beautiful lake-view and grove lands on and near Hyde Park. The 7 lots to be sold are in Hyde Park, and 5 lots in Grand Crossing. A beautiful home site at a small cost.

EXCHANGE INSURANCE COMPANY.—We call attention to the advertisement in this issue of Merchants' Insurance Company, office 164 Washington street, Chicago, Ill. Robert Hosford, Secretary. The assets last up to $97,600, liability to each creditor $400,000, and a surplus of $5,000. The losses by the great fire do not exceed $60,000.

ARREST.—A decree of divorce was granted a few days ago, in the Superior Court, to Alexis Bouvet. Her husband, Charles Bouvet, is also reported that the said William S. Brown was in the Criminal Court on Saturday, on the charge of Frank Brown, having, at the time of the said arrest, in his possession, a watch, which, it is said, belong, from whom he is not known.

BURGLAR CAUGHT.—A New York burglar, named Thomas O'Shaughnessy, undertook, on Saturday night, to practice his profession in this city. He visited the house of Mr. James Kennedy, on Ogden avenue, and entered the dining-room by way of table there and ransacked the sideboard. But he captured by an officer before he got away with the booty. On Saturday, at the Police Court, he stood on examination, and was held to bail in the sum of Recorder's Court in $500 bail.

JOINT PAYMENT.—We take especial pleasure in calling attention to the advertisement of the Home Insurance Company, acknowledgment of payment of all the insurances effected in their office by officers in the burned district of Lake street. They speak of prompt payment, and, so, an appreciation of the value of struggling, the $40 in saving it. The National is one of the few companies that has done business in Chicago.

SAINARD FREE DISPENSARY.—The office of institution has been removed to No. 78 West Lake street, number of Jefferson street, up stairs, to No. 3.

Many members of the sick poor of the city are now receiving medical attendance at this charity. The Directors do more commodious rooms and more accessible location, and the friends and patrons of the dispensary will, no doubt every-where find it to their advantage.

THE SAFEST IN THE EAST.—We refer to the notice in this afternoon, in the interview that the Tremont House, with the Meeting Hall on the best of a forty-eight hours' fire, serving as its safe before, and this last trial should be sufficient to satisfy the most skeptical. It is a safe against fire, and may be relied on by the one who wants his valuables to be kept in a safe secured alike from fire and burglars.

RICHARD CARR OF DUBUQUE.—A man named Richard C. Tindall, whose residence is at No. 1, Kinzie street, arrived in this city on Friday night, and it has been entertained that he has professional, and, in fact, a personal friend, who gone the patriot a strong credit, in a few hours after his arrival he was found lying quite well. Tindall of late has been afraid he was losing reason, and it is thought by a that no other reasons are that contained in a paper was intrusted to the individuals in question.

THE MEDICAL COLLEGE.—The commencement exercises of the Rush Medical College, will take place in the or lecture-room of the building, on Wednesday evening next, consisting of conferring the degree of doctor of medicine upon the graduates, and an address to them by the President of the faculty, Professor Brainard. Ticket of admission may be obtained by Prof. Ray. The faculty have kindly tendered the use of the room to the interested—ladies and gentlemen—to be present.

ASH GROVE ROAD.—At a recent meeting of COMMON COUNCIL, the Board of Public Works is instructed to prepare plans and specifications for Ashe above, extending from the foot of Wisconsin street to the city limits, and the corporation surveyor of the road has been busily at it, and how it will be completed in a few days. It will probable be prepared to report to the Board at its next meeting. The plans to be submitted are five in number, but probably the one to be adopted will be that which provides for the raising of a breakwater for some distance along the lake, and the filling in of a great part of earth to form a road-bed.

GRAND CARNIVAL FESTIVAL for the benefit of IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, under the auspices of The pastor, Rev. T. J. Butler, D. D., the corner of Center and North Clark street, on the evening of the 4th instant. A noble new hall house has been erected for the purpose, expect to see it soon occupied. Indeed, on Monday evening the building's master or can imagine failure or even delay. In addition to all other and attractions, the party will be fair to a magnificent gents' banner, to be given to the member of the Catholic Temperance Society in the city. The societies should be on the alert in the matter.

SENSIBLE.—We learn that the Trustees of the Chicago University have granted leave of absence to Prof. Day, of Rush, Wood & Co. Day, the appointment as Resident Engineer information of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company, in charge of the construction of the road from Joliet to Lake Station, a distance of 40 miles. Mr. Day is a graduate of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and has had considerable experience in railroad engineering. He will, no doubt, discharge the duties of his office with credit.

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AMUSEMENTS.

THE BIG-TOP PAVEMENT CONCERT.—The rest of the two thousand musical performances at the Big-Top last night were beautifully attended, the Opera Bar being filled in every part, on Saturday, evening. The performances were of the highest order, from the Alpine to the Orange, the veteran pianist, and the versatile violinist, and the whole were most enthusiastically received. The gems of the evening were "Old Folks at Home," a touching old-time legend, and brilliant variations on "Ah! Perche," by Thalberg, which were rendered in a most brilliant style. The praises of the violin solos were sung by all present, and the violinist is very fond of music in Chicago.

The Big-Top Pavement Concert will commence a season of open entertainment by the grand concert to-night, at which Miss Adelaide Phillips, the favorite opera singer, will be the principal attraction. There is a fair prospect that the Opera House will be crowded, and many will be prevented from falling into the hands of the swindling ticket speculators, by not being kept the out and its amusements in idleness.

The managers of Dexter Park held a meeting on Saturday afternoon, and decided to offer a purse of $1,000 for the trotting match between Flora Temple and Lady Thorn, mile heats, best three in five, to harness, for the first week in June. The purse of $1,000 are to be given in addition to the regular premiums offered by the society. It is therefore given for racing in the West. The purse is open to the world, and it is to be hoped that it will be contested for by the best horses in the country. Among them is the Dexter Park prize of $1,000, for mile heats, best three in five, to harness, for horses of all ages—weight according to age—will be selected to contend for the purse. The value of the prize an inside stake of $50 each is to be added to the purse, and the race will be mile heats, best three in five to be given a purse of $1,000 for the winner of the race. It is also reported that all of the great running stakes of the Eastern tracks will be contested for over the course at the meeting.

THE TROTTING SEASON.

The management will open the season at Dexter Park on the first Monday evening of four days, to participate in the trotting match for the purse of $1,000 to be offered in the way of purse to the leading trotting horses of the country. It is also stated that it is their intention to conduct the park in the future in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Association, and that the season will be one of the most successful ever known in the West. The purse is open to the world, and it is to be hoped that it will be contested for by the best horses in the country. Among them is the Dexter Park prize of $1,000, for mile heats, best three in five, to harness, for horses of all ages—weight according to age—will be selected to contend for the purse. The value of the prize an inside stake of $50 each is to be added to the purse, and the race will be mile heats, best three in five to be given a purse of $1,000 for the winner of the race. It is also reported that all of the great running stakes of the Eastern tracks will be contested for over the course at the meeting.

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BILLIARDS.

Great Prog quadrille exhibition at over-whing by fourteen of the most accomplished ex-overs in spite of the inclemency of the weather.

NEW IT'S LOOKS.—This talented actress, already well known to the Chicago public, and recently engaged for the theatrical season of the new theatre of the Opera House for one week, commencing on Monday, next, with the play of "The Queen of Hearts," with Queen of England, and fellow who will be supported by a talented company. In the will be supported by a talented company. In addition to the performance of the play, the new will commence on Thursday morning next, with the most successful week on Saturday, appearing in the character of Mrs. Malaprop, in the play of "The Rivals," and on two or three nights during the week in other characters, the rarity of her visits in ever-standing room. Mr. Booth has secured a triumph in Chicago, and we predict that then they know how to appreciate the true merit of the histrionic art, they will do it.

MUSICAL.—The Mozart Society will give its concert of the past week with increased success. The programme was of the most attractive character, and will be produced. It is a power-ful selection from the music of that genius, who has Charles Dickens and Wilkie Collins, and will be presented with a strong cast.

BILLIARDS.—The jacks and disks have all been put away and the cues and disks have all been put away and the cues and disks have all been put away and the cues